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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, } WHEREAS in and by two cer-
Attorney-General. } tain Acts of the Legisla-
ture of Our Province of British Columbia, the for-
mer passed in the Session thereof held in the 58th
year of Our Reign, and intituled "An Act to Author-
ise the Revision of the Statutes," and the latter
passed in the Session thereof held in the 60th year of
Our Reign, and intituled "An Act Respecting the
Revised Statutes of British Columbia," provision is
made for the appointment of a Commission for revis-
ing and consolidating a new edition of the Laws of the
Province, and also of the Statute Law of England in
force in and applicable to this Province, and rules are
laid down for the guidance of the Commission as to the
manner of executing the said work ;

And whereas the Commission was further empower-
ed to frame and draw new provisions and suggestions
for the improvement of the Law, and it was enacted
that the Commission should report the execution of
their commission to the Lieutenant-Governor, and
deposit the result of their work with the Provincial
Secretary, which work should be known as "The
Revision;"

And whereas it is further in effect provided that as
soon as the Commission shall have so reported and
deposited "The Revision," the Lieutenant-Governor
may cause a correct printed roll thereof, attested
under his signature and countersigned by the Pro-
vincial Secretary, to be deposited in the office of the
said Provincial Secretary, which Roll shall be held
to be the original thereof, and to embody the laws of
the Province of British Columbia, and the Statute Law
of England in force in and applicable to the Province;
but any marginal notes and references to former enact-
ments which appear thereon, shall be held to form no
part of the said Statutes, but to be inserted for the
convenience of reference only ;

And whereas it is further in effect provided that
the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, after such deposit
of such roll may, by Proclamation, declare a day on,
from, and after which the same, or such portion
thereof as he shall deem to comply with the rules laid
down for the guidance of the Commission as to the
manner of executing the said work, shall come into
force and have effect as law by the designation
of "The Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897;"

And whereas the Commission has executed and
completed the said work, and has reported the result
to the Lieutenant-Governor and deposited the same
with the Provincial Secretary ;

And whereas it further appears that the whole of
the said work complies with the said rules laid down
for the guidance of the Commission with the exception
of the Acts therein contained, the numbers and titles
whereof are as follows :—

10. "The Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act ;"
32. "The Bills of Sale Act ;"
33. "The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registra-
tion Act ;"
50. "The Coroners' Act ;"
91. "The Health Act ;"
95. "The Infants' Contracts Act ;"
99. "The Public Inquiries Act ;"

106. "The Intestate Estates Act ;"
107. "The Jurors' Act ;"
111. "The Land Registry Act ;"
120. "The Law of Defamation Amendment Act ;"
126. "The Lunacy Act ;"
149. "The Partition Act ;"
152. "The Pawnbrokers' Act ;"

which said Acts contain the suggestions of the Com-
mission for the improvement of the law as above
recited.

And whereas Our said Lieutenant-Governor, after
such deposit of such Roll, by and with the advice and
consent of the Executive Council of Our said Province,
has named the 21st day of February, instant, as the day
on, from, and after which the said Roll, attested under
the signature of Our said Lieutenant-Governor and
countersigned by the Provincial Secretary and de-
posited in the office of the said Provincial Secretary,
shall, with the exception of the said fourteen recited
Acts, come into force and have effect as law by the
designation of "The Revised Statutes of British
Columbia, 1897" ;

NOW KNOW YE that, by and with the advice of
Our Executive Council of Our said Province of British
Columbia, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation
declare that on, from, and after the said 21st day of
the month of February, instant, the said last men-
tioned Roll, attested under the signature of Our
said Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of British
Columbia, countersigned by the Provincial Secretary,
and deposited in the office of the said Provincial
Secretary of the said Province as aforesaid, shall,
with the exception of the Acts therein contained, the
numbers and titles whereof are as follows :—

10. "The Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act ;"
32. "The Bills of Sale Act ;"
33. "The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registra-
tion Act ;"
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come into force and have effect as law by the designa-
tion of the "The Revised Statutes of British Colum-
bia, 1897," to all intent as though the same were
expressly embodied in and enacted by the said Act
secondly above recited :

Of all which premises all Our loving subjects of Our
said Province, and all others whom these presents
may concern, are hereby required to take notice and
to govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these
Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great
Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed:
WITNESS, the Honourable THOMAS R. MCINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of
British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in
Our said Province, this fourteenth day of Feb-
ruary, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first
year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,

Provincial Secretary.

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